

CLOSING SESSION OF LEGISLATURE LIKE A FUNERAL

Even 2.75 Beer Bill Brought No Joy to Dispel Gloom at the Wind-Up.

MEMBERS TIRED OUT.

Cheering Scenes of Adjournment Conspicuous Only by Their Absence.

By George Buchanan Fife. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, April 26.—Members of the august Legislature of the State of New York finished the session's labors and adjourned early yesterday morning with their mouths open.

Some had their tongues hanging out. This eloquent gesture of aridity was more barefaced as it were, in the Assembly than in the Senate, which sticks to somewhat dignified, with an accompaniment of tail coats and all that sort of thing.

But there was good reason for it. Had not the Assembly passed the Senate's 2.75 Beer Bill? Had not some elevated souls sung that profane folk-song, "Give Us a Drink, Bartender," for a ringing moment among the echoing pillars and arches of the Capitol's "Midway"? And also, to give a merry little bump touch to the closing chapter, had not the valiant Marty McCue threatened to bounce a brass cuspidor off the head of Mr. Davey, the leader of the Anti-Saloon League? Yes, indeed. And it seemed a very bad season for the "Drys."

But, however cheering the lights and scenes of the waning hours may have been for those fighting to preserve their personal liberty in alcohol, the open mouths and furry tongues came of none of the things enumerated. The fact of the matter was that both the Senate and the Assembly were "all in," when adjournment of the latter came at 2.25 o'clock Sunday morning.

MEMBERS ALL IN; END LIKE A FUNERAL.

For hours on end the members of both bodies had struggled impartially with legislation and fatigue. They had sagged down in their seats, unafforded by roll calls, and hoped that the droning clerk would go on forever. They had stuck their legs under their desks and chairs, and all to no purpose.

The upshot of all this was that the closing hours in the Assembly bore a lifelike resemblance to a funeral. The flowers, in vases obviously lent by the florists, which decorated the desks from the Speaker's rostrum to the brass rail (hand, not foot) at the back, did nothing to destroy the illusion. The voices of those members who shook off lethargy long enough to address the brethren present had much of the huskiness one associates with references to "the dear departed."

CLOSE WATCH KEPT FOR EM-BLAWING FLUID.

So there were none of the tumultuous scenes of other years; no brass bands playing in the gallery, no droll sallies of four-pound volumes of bills, minutes and volumes of the delight of slapping a comrade upon the back and leaving the mark of your hand there for a week. No, the proceedings waned into a funeral ceremony, and when Speaker Sweet banded his gavel and declared the body (it was just the word to use) adjourned sine die ("die" was a happy word to use, too) it sounded as he threw the first earth into the excavation. And after that the mourners struggled into their coats and beat it for bed.

There is no doubt the organized "dry" forces expected a very different wind-up to the session of the Assembly. Proof of it lay in the rumor that flew about the Capitol about midnight, that the Anti-Saloon League had spies everywhere about the big building, ready to note any suspicious hilarity and set their Scandinavian sniff-hounds to the task of tracking it to its source. Mrs. Rumor worked overtime for the league. One of the things she set flying about the place was a report that the "Drys" had enlisted the services of a corps of busy young men who were frisking about the corridors and committee rooms disguised as clerks. The disguise consisted of the absence of a hat and the presence of a most business-like air.

These sleuths were, so it was said, keeping their eyes and noses constantly opening had shutting for glimpses and aromas which would tell their own damning story. Also they were under orders to take periodical whiffs of the used paper drinking cups to determine whether they had been put to any nefarious uses. They

How Some of the Legislators Looked and What Some Did as Session Closed



building may have been filled with sniff-hounds, but if so, they worked their noses so cautiously that no one felt a draught. Marty McCue probably did most to discourage them, and this is his own account of what caused him to do it: "We were in the discussion of the Beer Bill, and I saw that Robert J. Davey, the leader of the Anti-Saloon League standing near Assemblyman Ross of Brooklyn, I think Davey had his hand on Ross's chair or shoulder, or something. So I rise up and says to the Speaker that Davey was probably annoying Mr. Ross."

MAN IN FAINT RAISED HOPES OF "SNIFFERS."

It was during the time that the customary presentation of gifts was going on in the chamber. When the Assembly adjourns every year its members, to show their fondness or dislike for certain other members, make them members. This year large and glowing diamonds rings were presented to Speaker Sweet, who announced his positively last and final farewell to the Assembly, to Simon L. Adler, the Majority Leader; to Charles D. O'Donohue, the Minority Leader; Marty McCue making the necessary speech in the latter case and causing Charles's ears to turn American Hearty red by the nice things he said (Charlie will be President when Marty can fix it for him), and to H. Edmund Macchio, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Then Frank J. Taylor was called before the bar to get his. His present was a pair of cuff links, and as he got a glass of water to measure for them, they probably came as a great surprise to him. At any rate, he made his bow, said a few words and then he declared, "I feel much overdone"—he dropped in a dead faint. He was down for a count of two when Marty McCue came down the aisle in one leap and got to him. Some one said the customary "Let him have air," and somebody else dashed out water to measure for his way back. Wherefore the splash in the corridor, to say nothing of the explosive noise of opening something and the forward surge of the visiting sniffers, sure they'd caught somebody with the goods. As the sniff-hounds are not water spaniels the dark stain on the floor held no interest for them. With low means of disappointment, they slunk off. Fortunately, Mr. Taylor finally got a glass of water, and in a few moments had sufficiently revived to walk out of the chamber. And then the obsequies were resumed.

detaker was out of the room, and that was when the Committee on Rules had a final session to look over the bills. During the hour and a quarter recess this necessitated, some of the Assemblymen, realizing that it was not like this in the olden days, began throwing paper balls about. Beyond stirring up the heavy air and waiving a few of the light sleepers, this bit of sheer devilry accomplished nothing. "ghost" walked there was only mild and fleeting interest in his movements. He stalked about in the person of Eugene Boyden, the Finance Clerk, who had a handful of loose bills of all denominations and reminded one of the fellow who used to sell tickets for the side show. He was paying the members the last \$480 the State owed them, and they didn't get a cent for overtime, either.

It little to be wondered at that the members of the Assembly were almost down and out when the end came. Col. Theodore Roosevelt told the board that some of the men on the Rules Committee had not taken their clothes off since Thursday. They had had to go on working, even in the servable remarks in the hallways of the Rules Committee had not taken their clothes off since Thursday. They had had to go on working, even in the servable remarks in the hallways of the Rules Committee had not taken their clothes off since Thursday.

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The Senators and Assemblymen were no more faithful in their attendance during the last hours than the members of the Assembly. The opening hour to the end, they remained as fixed as the hands of the official clock, a colorful fringe about the chambers. They brought in luncheons and dinners and bites in between and had a very good time of it. This was particularly true of the school teachers who were there in force to applaud when their bill went through.

But, however, the session may be remembered, it will serve as a model for even the most advanced schools of undertaking. Bus Suit Against City Dropped. The injunction suit by the Brooklyn City Railroad Company to prevent the city from operating buses in competition with the company's trolley lines, which was to have been put on trial today, was marked off the calendar by Supreme Court Justice Kasper in Brooklyn. Counsel agreed that as the case was now before the Appellate Division it would be better to mark it off the calendar until the higher court sees.

GOV. SMITH SAYS CAUCUS GAG AND PARTY LASH RULED

Progress and Welfare Utterly Disregarded by Majority, He Declares.

(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) ALBANY, April 26.—Here is the way Gov. Smith views the legislative session just ended: "The disciples of Bourbonism and reaction effectively controlled legislative action. The problems of the day remain unsolved and few measures of State-wide importance were considered. Political expediency overshadowed public necessity. "The utter disregard by the members of the majority for what meant progress and welfare constitutes a formidable challenge to democratic representative government. Not only did they defeat measures that meant a gain for humanity, but they attempted to move back the hands on the clock of progress. They left the State—at least for this year—without hope of any remedy to check the ever-increasing cost of government—a burden which is pressing upon the shoulders of every member of the Commonwealth. Temporary expedients, calculated to allay but not cure, were in high vogue. Measures intended to bring about permanent improvement for the future were brushed aside. "The party caucus was used to stifle measures that have no political significance. The Welfare Bills were not defeated, they were smothered. In fairness to the Senate, it must be said that it arose to the occasion. Probably at no time in our history was there greater reason for a free and open discussion of problems of government than at this very time. The entire programme of reconstruction not only met defeat but nothing was suggested in its place. Measures of sane and enlightened progress were met by a policy of repression. "What there was of leadership was political and calculated only to serve the ends of selfishness. The great forum of public discussion was deflected, and the decisions that meant so much to the people of this State were made in a side room behind closed doors. These decisions came from the few and the many charged with responsibility either acquiesced or were helpless. "The progressive measures in the interest of humanity were decided by the party lash and the caucus gag rather than by open discussion in the forum provided by the Constitution. That the human appeal contained in these measures for the relief of women and children should be stifled surprises understanding. A well thought out constructive programme was sacrificed on the altar of politics. "I congratulate the members of the minority for their strong and vigorous fight against the forces of blind self-interest and I hasten to assure them that their day of victory is only postponed. They have beheld them every right feeling and right thinking citizen."

RAIL BOARD AGAIN REBUFS OUTLAWS

Shea Presents Brotherhood Firemen's Demands for Wage Increase. WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Railroad Labor Board today refused to hear the wage demands of the Kansas City Yardmen's Association on the ground that the application did not conform to the provisions of the law. Hearings on the demands of the Chicago, St. Louis and Cleveland Yardmen's Association and strikers in the metropolitan district in New York previously had been refused by the board. The board continued its hearings on the wage demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Timothy Shea, Vice President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, told the board that additional pay for railroad workers would not have the effect of increasing the cost of living unless the excuse was seized upon by profiteers to exploit the public. Labor is only a small item in the cost of production, Shea said. He declared that the labor bill on shoes which now sells for \$17 or \$18 a pair, is only eighty-eight cents.

GIANTS' YOUNG STAR HAS APPENDICITIS

Young Frisch, Third Baseman is Operated on To-Day at His Home. Frank Frisch, the Giants' third baseman, was operated on this afternoon for appendicitis at his home, 3211 Perry Avenue, the Bronx, by Dr. Cuniffe. He will be out of the game for some time. Frisch returned from Boston with the Giants Saturday night. He was taken ill en route with what appeared to be indigestion and was removed from the train at 15th Street and hurried to his home in an automobile.

IRISH POLICE BEAT 300 ARMED MEN

Withstand Two - Hour Siege in Which Rifle and Revolver Firing was Incessant. CLOONROCHE, County Wexford, Ireland, April 26.—Three hundred men attacked the police barracks here early to-day and rifle and revolver firing was incessant for two hours. All of the windows of the barracks were broken. The five policemen who occupied the building successfully repulsed the raiders without casualties. The latter had large supply of bombs, but did not use them.

FIRST SPAT AT THE ALTAR.

Bridegroom Gets the Decision From Priest Who Weds Him. MANFOWNS, Wis., April 26.—Martin Basil and Eleanor Klaber had their first spat at the altar. Basil told Father Piel of St. Boniface's Catholic Church that he wanted the nuptial vows pronounced in German. Miss Klaber insisted on English. As the embarrassing moments dragged along, the organ playing the wedding march and the choir singing the priest complied with the bridegroom's wishes.

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